CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method for illuminating an aquarium, comprising:

   (a) providing an aquarium having water;

   (b) providing a figurine, including:

   -a housing;

   -said housing being at least one of transparent and translucent;

   -a selectively energizable light source disposed within said housing;

   (c) placing said figurine underwater in said aquarium;

   (d) energizing said light source so that said figurine shines.

2. The method of Claim 1, further including:

   in step (a), an object disposed within said aquarium;

   in step (b), providing two said figurines, wherein said light source of one said figurine emits light of a fist color and said light source of the other said figurine emits light of a second color different from said first color; and,

   in step (c), placing said two figurines so that light from both said figurines impinges upon said object.

3. The method of Claim 1, further including:

   in step (a), an object having a cavity disposed within said aquarium; and,

   in step (c), placing said figurine so that light from said light source illuminates said cavity.

4. The method of Claim 1, further including:

   in step (d), ensuring that said aquarium resides in a darkened environment.

5. The method of Claim 1, further including:

in step (b), said light source being a light emitting diode having a direction of radiation.

6. The method of Claim 5, further including:

six said light emitting diodes disposed in a circular arrangement, wherein said direction of radiation of each said light emitting diode is substantially parallel to said direction of radiation of every other said light emitting diode..

7. The method of Claim 5, further including:

six said light emitting diodes disposed in a circular arrangement on a printed circuit board having a central axis; and,

each of said light emitting diodes oriented so that said direction of radiation is angled away from said central axis of said printed circuit board.

8. The method of Claim 1, further including:

in step (b), said housing being transparent and having an external surface; and,

said external surface of said housing having a translucent coating.

9. The method of Claim 8, further including:

said translucent coating being of uneven thickness so that said external surface of said figurine shines unevenly.

10. A lighted figurine for an aquarium, comprising:

a housing;

said housing being at least one of transparent and translucent;

a selectively energizable light source disposed within said housing; and,

wherein said figurine may be placed underwater in an aquarium, and when said light source is energized said figurine will shine.

11. A lighted figurine according to Claim 10, further including:

said light source being a light emitting diode having a direction of radiation..

12. A lighted figurine according to Claim 11, further including:

light emitted by said light emitting diode being one of a plurality of colors.

13. The method of Claim 11, further including:

six said light emitting diodes disposed in a circular arrangement, wherein said direction of radiation of each said light emitting diode is substantially parallel to said direction of radiation of every other said light emitting diode..

14. The method of Claim 11, further including:

six said light emitting diodes disposed in a circular arrangement on a printed circuit board having a central axis; and,

each of said light emitting diodes oriented so that said direction of radiation is angled away from said central axis of said printed circuit board.

15. A lighted figurine according to Claim 10, further including:

said housing being transparent and having an external service; and,

said external surface of said housing having a translucent coating.

16. A lighted figurine according to Claim 15, further including:

said translucent coating being of uneven thickness so that said external surface of said figurine shines unevenly.

17. A lighted figurine according to Claim 10, further including:

said light source being a light emitting diode, wherein six said light emitting diodes are disposed in a circular arrangement;

said housing being transparent; and,

said external surface of said housing having a translucent coating.